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SENATE MEMORIAL 38

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A MEMORIAL

TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF FORMER STATE SENATOR JOHN L. MORROW.

WHEREAS, John L. Morrow, a former state senator, died on November 21, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Morrow served in the state senate for twenty-two years, from 1971 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, the surname "Morrow" is synonymous with public service in New Mexico, as Senator Morrow was the son of a state senator and the grandson of a territorial legislator; and

WHEREAS, Senator Morrow's father, James Morrow, served in the state senate in the 1930s and 1940s; and

WHEREAS, Senator Morrow's grandfather, also known as John Morrow, served in the territorial legislature before serving three terms in the United States house of representatives; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service in the New Mexico

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1 state senate, Johnny Morrow was known as an opinionated, plain-
2 spoken and fiery orator who also possessed a well-developed
3 sense of humor and a heart as big as the cattle country he so
4 loved; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Morrow was a great champion of rural
6 people and their values, and he kept those values close despite
7 the encroachment of a faster paced way of life; and

8 WHEREAS, those senators who served with Johnny Morrow knew
9 that his handshake was his bond; and

10 WHEREAS, Johnny had a colorful way of expressing his
11 views, one of which was that "if you ever need a banker and
12 lawyer at the same time, you're in real trouble"; and

13 WHEREAS, his cowboy wit, ever-present boots and jeans and
14 love of ranching led some of his admirers to think of Johnny
15 Morrow as the "Will Rogers of New Mexico"; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Morrow is survived by his wife, Linda,
17 his daughter, Sue, his sons, Mike and Tim, his mother, Helen
18 and his sister, Marilyn;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
20 OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be extended to the family and
21 friends of former State Senator John L. Morrow, a loving and
22 devoted New Mexican; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the family of John L. Morrow.